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MILWAUKEE NAZI AGENT, ARRESTED BY FBI,  
LINKED TO PHILADELPHIA FIFTH COLUMNIST

On September 16, 1939, in an article exposing subversive activities in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, The Hour named Ernst Goerner as one of the key Nazi agents in that city. Last week Fifth Columnist Goerner was arrested by FBI agents on charges of "counseling, aiding and abetting evasion of the Selective Service Act."

For the past three months Goerner has been advising young men in Milwaukee not to register for the draft, and he has been using the mails to disseminate throughout the country propaganda urging the sabotaging of the Selective Service Act. The Hour has samples of the leaflets distributed by Goerner. They include such statements as:

"The Constitution does not provide for conscription and explicitly forbids involuntary service in any form, and therefore conscription cannot be justly and legally enforced. ... Any refusal to serve in the armed forces, or any effort to evade an anti-constitutional draft law is not a crime, not an act of cowardice or a dodging of duty, or a desertion, but solely is an act of courageous patriotism."

The leaflet also publicizes the familiar Nazi propaganda canard that "international Jewry" is responsible for the war.

Goerner Co-Workers

The Hour can disclose that Ernst Goerner has received considerable assistance in his Fifth Column activities from Herbert Lawson Smith of 2218 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pa., who is a key distributor of Goerner's propaganda material. In his correspondence with Smith, Goerner has frequently used the alias "K. Bennett." Smith, who is particularly active in the Social Justice Union, is the ringleader of a fascist group in Philadelphia. He is in intimate contact with leading Fifth Columnists throughout the country. Among his closest associates in Philadelphia is Major Max Livingston, an army reserve officer. Significantly, Herbert Smith's son, who assists in the subversive efforts of his father, managed to maneuver his way into a job at DuPont de Nemours.

In our original article on Ernst Goerner, we revealed that this Nazi agent was collaborating with Father Coughlin of Royal Oak, Michigan.

We urge that the FBI immediately investigate the close connections Ernst Goerner has maintained with Herbert Lawson Smith and Father Charles E. Coughlin.

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## NOTE ON LAGUARDIA FIELD

In view of the militant anti-Nazi stand consistently maintained by Mayor Fiorella H. LaGuardia of New York City, it is highly incongruous that the airport carrying his name should pursue racist policies characteristic of the Third Reich.

The airlines at LaGuardia Field, according to reliable information reaching The Hour, refuse to employ persons of Jewish faith, as well as Italians and Negroes. The New York State Employment Service specifies in its confidential Clearance Sheets that only "white Christians" are eligible for employment at the LaGuardia Airport. This applies even to manual work such as that performed by laborers, attendants, porters, etc. A recent applicant for a painter's job at the airfield was told, "Neither Jews nor Italians are wanted."

Job order blanks of the N. Y. State Employment Service list the following qualifications for porters and laborers at LaGuardia Field;

"Personal description; Male, white\*, C\*, citizen\*; 30-40; physical examination; job description, to do general porter work for a commercial aviation company; must have experience, A-1 required."

The "C" in the above job order form is an abbreviation for "Christian"; the asterisks, in the N. Y. State Employment code, mean "Absolutely."

Confident that Mayor LaGuardia is unaware of this condition at the airport, we have written a letter to him, informing him of the facts.

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## PAGNANELLI OBJECTS

On August 2 The Hour disclosed that George Pagnanelli, notorious Fifth Columnist and anti-Semite, had been holding conferences in Washington, D. C., with Congressman John E. Rankin of Mississippi and ex-Congressman John E. Schafer of Wisconsin. We pointed out that these conferences were for the purpose of devising new methods to increase anti-Semitic sentiment in the United States. Another contact of Pagnanelli named in The Hour report was Senator Robert Reynolds of North Carolina.

Pagnanelli has written us a letter indignantly objecting to our article. He says:

"Your issue of August 2 has been called to my attention. In it you charge me with being a 'fifth columnist' and a 'Nazi agent' because of my alleged visits to certain patriotic Congressmen.

"What a state of depravity you and your gang have reached to censure anyone who exercises his Constitutional right





by paying his respects to patriotic representatives of our Republic.

"Your attack on me is nothing but a cowardly smear. It is part of the nation-wide smear-plot being engineered against Colonel Lindbergh, Senator Wheeler and other Americans who are opposing the war-mongering measures being advocated by you and yours.

"You do not know it but you have performed me a great service. You have unwittingly placed the finger of guilt on certain people who have been posing as friends of Christian Americans."

It is interesting to note that Naziphile Pagnanelli, for all his indignation, does not deny that he conferred with the Congressmen we named; nor does he refute our report that the object of these conferences was to make plans for promoting anti-Semitism in this country.

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#### POLL BY CONGRESSMAN DAY

Congressman Stephen A. Day, whose literary efforts have been published by the Nazi propaganda agency Flanders Hall Publishers Inc., is currently conducting an "anti-war" poll. Making use of his franking privilege, he is sending through the mails a form letter which states in part:

Dear Friend:

I am writing to you because your name appears in a publication that contains the names of outstanding people of the day.

Everyone realizes that we are face to face with war. It is the greatest issue with which the American people have been confronted since the birth of the Republic. ...

In order that I may have an expression of opinion from all over the United States, I urge you to mark the enclosed ballot and return it to me at once. You need not sign your name ...

I merely want to know how American Leaders stand.

The letter is accompanied by a penny post card with the return address of Hon. Stephen A. Day, M. C., House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. The card, entitled "Ballot," requests the checking of one of the two following statements: "The United States should enter the war"; "The United States should stay out of the war."

A recipient of this message from Representative Day has forwarded it to us with this query: "I'd like to know where Day gets the money for the postage on those return post cards -- not from his own pocket surely."

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**"CHRISTIAN" NAZISM**

The July 11 issue of The Commonwealth, a magazine edited and published in Bradenton, Florida, by Dr. Waters B. Burrows, carries this unique analysis of the Second World War:

"On the one side is the English class using Protestantism and Russian Communism as tools; and on the other, Socialistic Germany and the European continent, disciplined and under socialistic leadership, more in accord with teachings of the Christian Church, with a greater sense of brotherhood and comradeship than exists in the class ruled countries. ... We choose Christian leadership as the most exalted of all mortal leadership. ... Semitic England and godless Russia fight Christian Germany, France and Italy; Semitic New York and Washington want war; Americanism in the Christian West wants no war."

Adolf Hitler, the godhead of Dr. Burrows' "Christian leadership," has expressed himself on Christianity in these words;

"We are not out against the hundred and one different kinds of Christianity, but against Christianity itself."

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**ANTI-NAZI UKRAINIAN COMMITTEE FORMED**

To combat the pro-Nazi activities of fascist Ukrainians in the United States, progressive Ukrainian-Americans have formed the Ukrainian Committee to Combat Nazism. Officers of the organization are Theodore Leschinsky, President; Stephen Mostowy, Secretary; and N. Danylenko, Treasurer. Headquarters have been established at 402 West 47th Street, New York City.

Representatives of the Committee have made this statement; "The Ukrainian community in the U.S. is appalled by the widespread Nazi propaganda among Ukrainian-Americans and by the activities of certain subversive groups subsidized by the Nazi Government. All true Ukrainians feel that the presence of these cliques in their midst tends to create a false impression about Ukrainians regarding such vital matters as their loyalty towards America and their attitude toward the invasion of their original homelands by the Nazi hordes."

The Committee intends to combat the subversive efforts of Nazi-Ukrainians in various ways. One of its first projects will be the calling of a mass meeting in New York City to register the protest of the overwhelming majority of Ukrainian-Americans against "both the German invasion of th Ukraine and the Nazi machinations among Ukrainians in this country."

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